

WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
WEST LAFAYETTE CITY BUILDING
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

TIME: 5:00 pm, Wednesday, January 19, 2006

PLACE: West Lafayette Board of Works Room

PRESENT:	Bob Bauman	Chris Pekny
	David Buck	Gil Satterly
	David Christian	Kumares Sinha
	David Downey	Boudewijn van Gelder
	Carrie Ehresman	John Walker
	Bernadette Farris	

VISITORS:	Bruce Collins	Ann Howard
	Beth Cook	Ann Hunt
	Carolyn Erickson	Andrew Samad
	Homer Erickson	Brian Skaggs
	Wendy Field	Michael Witt
	Tom Gall	Lynne Zachmanoglou
	Jeromy Grenard	Terry Zachmanoglou

Chairman Sinha determined there was a quorum and called the meeting to order. Mr. Satterly made a motion to approve the November minutes. Mr. Christian seconded and the minutes were approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS:

06-01 Election of Chairman

Mr. Satterly made a motion to nominate Kumares Sinha as chairman of the Commission for 2006. Mr. Bauman seconded. Nominations were closed. Chairman Sinha was re-elected as chairman of the Traffic Commission.

06-02 Harrison and Sheetz Intersection

Captain Cox, with the Purdue police, contacted the Engineer's office with a safety concern about the intersection of Harrison and Sheetz streets. Captain Cox requested the city look into the possibility of making this intersection a 4-way stop, or adding additional yellow paint to increase the sight distance for turns. Ms. Cook stated that after evaluation, it was determined there is sufficient yellow curb at this intersection. No changes were recommended. Deputy Chief Walker stated that this area is not heavily traveled, but speed may be more of a concern. Deputy Chief Walker recommended additional speed enforcement on Harrison. Ms. Cook will make a follow-up call to Captain Cox.

06-03 Street Light on Robinson

The Engineer's office is looking into adding a street light on Robinson Street between Rose and North River Road. Mr. Buck said the Engineering Department has evaluated the location and is now contacting Cinergy. Once the cost and feasibility of adding a light is known, the City will check with homeowners to determine neighborhood support.

06-04 Lighting on the University/Waldron/Russell Island

Ms. Cook stated that we will be contacting Cinergy about the lighting at the above referenced island. Five to six street lights are "out" at this location. Ms. Cook will contact Cinergy and get these lights working. Mr. Bauman suggested the city revisit this location when there are leaves on the trees to make sure lighting is still sufficient.

OLD BUSINESS

05-11 GLPTC Bus Stop – Northwestern and Stadium

Mr. Buck reported that Citybus will be moving the bus stop at this location, further east.

05-07 Hayes and Meridian Street Parking

Jeromy Grenard, Assistant City Engineer, updated the Commission on the status of the one-way pair investigation in the Hayes Street neighborhood. The Engineering Department has been studying crash reports and traffic data to determine which street, Evergreen or Dodge, should be east bound/west bound. Mr. Grenard stated that he was not ready to make a recommendation on the one-way pairs, but would continue to study this request and the request for 4-way stops at several locations. Mr. Downey reminded Mr. Grenard to consider the high school pedestrian traffic in this neighborhood during lunch time. Mr. Grenard also stated that based on crash history, the Engineering Department has forwarded a request to INDOT to investigate the need for a signal at Northwestern and Meridian.

With regard to adding to the Zone 2 NPP parking program, Ms. Cook corrected the parking estimate from the November meeting. Actual parking spaces available in the Hayes Street neighborhood are 221. 230 spaces are needed. Mr. Bauman suggested the Commission move forward with this request. Mr. Satterly made a motion to add the 12 blocks defined on the boundary map. Mr. Christian seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Mr. Buck read off the blocks to be added to Zone 2, they are:

- Meridian Street – south side properties, from Allen to Grant
- Dodge Street – north side properties, from 708 Dodge to Grant Street
- Evergreen Street – south side properties, from Allen to Grant
- Stadium Street – north side properties, from Garfield to 408 Stadium
- Allen Street – east side properties, from Meridian to Evergreen
- Garfield Street – east side properties, from Meridian to Stadium
- Hayes Street – west side properties, from Meridian to Stadium and east side properties from Meridian to Sylvia

Deputy Chief Walker asked what timeframe the Engineering Department needed to have this complete. It was decided that Deputy Chief Walker and City Engineer Buck would work together to have the parking program in place as soon as they could, at their discretion.

05-03 Salisbury Street Safety Improvements

Several Salisbury Street residents were present to discuss the Salisbury Street Safety Improvement project. Mr. Erickson stated that he was alarmed by the initial letter and was concerned that he was not consulted before the project was agreed upon. Mr. Buck replied that the initial letter was a worst-case scenario and there have been public announcements about this safety project since fall of 2004. Mr. Buck further stated that the 85th percentile speed along this portion of Salisbury is almost 40 mph. Given that this is the only "city controlled" north-south arterial, and a heavily pedestrian traveled road, improvements must be made to make this road safer. Mr. Downey commented also, that he will be unable to repave Salisbury Street without making it ADA compliant. This would require an upgrade of all the sidewalks along Salisbury Street, including adding handicap ramps, removing utility poles and leveling sidewalks.

Mrs. Zachmanoglou stated that her concern was with the amount of land needed to complete this project. Specifically, she was disappointed that she has not been given a scaled drawing of her property showing the project boundaries. Mr. Gall, the city's Project Manager for this project, offered to provide an on-site visit to Mrs. Zachmanoglou's house. Mr. Gall stated further that he is currently working on getting the construction limits staked. Chairman Sinha recommended Mr. Gall hold a meeting for the residents of Salisbury Street.

Mr. Downey reminded the Commission that he has worked for the city for 30 years. The city has worked with the residents along Ravinia when sidewalks were added to this road. More recently, he reminded the Commission of the success of the Smiley Street project. The city has hired a full-time Project Manager to oversee this project and is committed to making sure this project goes well.

05-10 Speed Studies

Ms. Ann Howard, a resident of Vine Street, requested an update on the speed study taken in Vine Street. Mr. Buck replied it would be presented at the February meeting. He was not prepared to make a recommendation yet.

NEXT MEETING: 5:00 pm, Wednesday, February 15, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,



David M. Buck, P.E.
City Engineer

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